

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device, which comprises a cover plate and a base plate, wherein the cover plate and the base plate are pivotable relative to one another about an axis formed by a bearing tube (5), wherein finger devices are fastened to the cover plate in the front region of the cover plate, the bearing tube (5) is a component of the base plate (6) and the bearing tube (5) is arranged in the end region of the base plate facing the finger devices (3).

Claim 2 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein the cover plate (2) is connected with a slotted square tube (4) and the bearing tube (5) is positioned within the square tube (4) and rotatable relative thereto.

Claim 3 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 2, wherein the cover plate (2) together with the square tube (4) fastened thereto is withdrawable from the base plate (6) in axial direction.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein the base plate (6) is contacted by a shoe (10) which is provided for reception of the cover plate (2) and within which the cover plate is mounted to be displaceable in axial direction.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 4, wherein the shoe (10) together with the cover plate (2) is pivotable relative to the base plate (6), wherein the base plate has a boundary wall (9) within which slots (13) extending in radial direction are provided, rivets (12) connected with a slide surface (11) of the shoe (10) being guided through the slots.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 5, wherein the base plate (6) is of U-shaped construction and has two short and one long boundary walls, wherein one short boundary wall (9) has the slots (13) and the other short boundary wall has, in its end region, the bearing tube (5).

Claim 7 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 6, wherein the long boundary wall is provided at its inner side with a plastics material insert (7).

Claim 8 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 4, wherein a spring (8) is arranged in the inner region of the base plate (6) between the base plate and the shoe (10).

Claim 9 (withdrawn): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein a part of the cover plate (2), the square tube (4), the base plate (6) and the shoe (10) form a substantially dust-tight unit.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein it comprises a first spring plate (16), one end region of which is fastened to the base plate (6) and the other end region of which is supported on the cover plate (2).

Claim 11 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 10, wherein it comprises a second spring plate (18) which bridges over the region between the end of the boundary wall (9) of the base plate (6) and the cover plate (2).

Claim 12 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 11, wherein one end region of the

second spring plate (18) is fixedly connected with the cover plate (2) and the other end region of the second spring plate (18) is supported at the outer side of the boundary wall (9) of the base plate (6).

Claim 13 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein it comprises an adapter strip (17) which is fixedly connected with the first spring plate (16) and/or the base plate (6) and on which the outer side, which is remote from the cover plate (2), of the first spring plate (16) and/or the base plate (6) is positioned.

Claim 14 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein a hose (14) is arranged in the inner region of the base plate (6) between the base plate and the cover plate (2).

Claim 15 (previously presented): Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, wherein a finger device (3) is fastened to the cover plate (2) and an end region of the scraper blade (1) is insertable between the cover plate (2) and the finger device (3) in axial direction.

Claim 16 (cancelled).